

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Second Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Second Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 3% (3,822) of these admissions reside in the Second Norfolk Representative District. 4% (137) of admissions from the Second Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age.

Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services. In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Second Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 81% were male and 19% were female.
- 68% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 79% were white non-Latino, 13% were black non-Latino, 5% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 70% were never married, 9% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 26% had less than high school education, 54% completed high school, and 19% had more than high school education.
- 15% were employed.
- 55% were homeless.
- 35% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Second Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	53%	34%	3%	4%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Second Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	2,414	1,912	489	813	469	727	574
FY '96	2,448	1,975	618	817	559	795	611
FY '97	2,805	2,423	891	1,078	798	905	688
FY '98	3,009	2,490	926	985	769	1,088	773
FY '99	3,173	2,616	882	1,061	791	1,154	858
FY '00	3,270	2,635	847	974	686	1,197	886
FY '01	3,875	3,020	895	1,116	702	1,466	1,040
FY '02	3,822	2,811	751	1,020	510	1,493	1,094

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Second Norfolk Representative District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

